

## WASTE PREVENTION, PRODUCTION SUBJECT TO ROYALTIES, AND RESOURCES CONSERVATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule, entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resources Conservation," published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2016, after receiving testimony from Amanda Leiter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; James Olguin, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Mark Boccella, FLIR Systems, Inc., Austin, Texas; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

## OUR NATION'S BIODEFENSE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal perspective on the state of our nation's biodefense, including multiple challenges in building and maintaining biodefense and biosurveillance, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hatchett, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Rear Admiral Stephen C. Redd, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Shea, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Aaron Firoved, Senior Biodefense Advisor, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism; and

The nomination of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 4936–4953; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86; and H. Res. 680–683 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4785, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–494).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ribble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting amendment No. 1 on H.R. 3791 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**Raising the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement:** The House passed H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank

holding company policy statement, by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 149.

**Pages H1691, H1712–13**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 148.

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Rejected:

Kelly (IL) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–489) that sought to limit the asset threshold increase to \$5 billion for bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies which have submitted to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System a credible plan to expand access to banking accounts and services, consumer and small business credit products, and bank branches in rural, low-income, minority, and otherwise under-served communities (by a yea-and-nay vote of 165 yeas to 253 nays, Roll No. 147).

**Pages H1697–99, H1710–11**

H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3340) and (H.R. 3791) was agreed to yesterday, April 13th.

**Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act:** The House passed H.R. 3340, to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, and to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 146.

**Pages H1699, H1709–10**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 145.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Royce amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–489) that requires the Office of Financial Research (OFR) of the Department of the Treasury to publish an annual work plan, develop and implement a cybersecurity plan, and collaborate with relevant regulatory agencies when preparing public reports, which shall also be subject to public notice and comment.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1690.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1709, H1709–10, H1710–11, H1711–12, H1712. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: GROWING FARM FINANCIAL PRESSURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Growing Farm Financial Pressure”. Testimony was heard from Rob Johansson, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on United States Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., Commander, United States Pacific Command; and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea. This hearing was closed.

### THE MISSILE DEFEAT POSTURE AND STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES—THE FY17 PRESIDENT’S BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “The Missile Defeat Posture and Strategy of the United States—the FY17 President’s Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Brian McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Admiral Bill Gortney, USN, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command; Vice Admiral James Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency; Barry Pike, Deputy Director, U.S. Army, PEO Missiles and Space; and Rear Admiral Edward Cashman, USN, Director, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization.